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BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Staying Healthy — and cheating death

Does something look different on Page 3 this week?

Usually Jeb Bing's column, "Around Pleasanton," runs in this spot, alternating with Tim Hunt's "Tim Talk." But Bing, the Weekly's editor emeritus, is on leave for a while so I will be filling in.

I joined the Pleasanton Weekly staff in February 2000 right after it launched but left for a few years to be editor of the Danville Weekly, a print newspaper our company Embarcadero Media published in Danville from 2005-09. In that position, I wrote a column called Diablo Views.

Now I am back at the Pleasanton Weekly as editor of its Tri-Valley Life section, so I no longer have that view of Mount Diablo. But I do keep my eye on the Tri-Valley and all its happenings.

This week we present a special issue on Staying Healthy. Talk about an endless topic.

I have been blessed with good health and found that working in Pleasanton helped me keep in shape. I regularly trekked up and down Main Street pursuing stories, plus I was a regular at a local yoga studio. At least one evening a week found me chugging away in the water aerobics class at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatics Center. So I thought I was Staying Healthy.

Nonetheless a flaw in my heart caught up with me when I was driving home to Walnut Creek from work one August evening in 2013, and I went into cardiac arrest, crashing my car into the embankment on Interstate 680 at the I-580 interchange.

Although my cardiac arrest was traumatic, it was followed by a stroke of luck: An off-duty paramedic with a defibrillator was in the car right behind me. Now what are the odds of that?! Heart restarted, I was rushed to ValleyCare Medical Center where the ICU team worked nonstop to save my life.

My family rushed into town — including my daughter from Southern California and my son from Berlin — for a bedside vigil. After a few days, they knew I would survive and probably be healthy. The next week I actually

"came to," surprised to find myself at the Kaiser hospital in Walnut Creek, with my normally scattered family by my bed. The only sign from my car crash was a bruised left forearm, presumably caused when the airbag inflated.

The doctors said my arteries were "those of a 12-year-old," and the problem was "electrical." They embedded an Implanted Cardiac Device that will automatically shock my heart if it stops again, although so far this has not happened. I have a monitor in my home that records my heart's activity and have frequent visits with the nurse in charge of the monitor and with my cardiologist.

I felt fatigued for a very long time, even too tired to stand for a couple of weeks. But gradually I gained back my strength and began taking walks on the Iron Horse Trail with my friend Melinda, who had just retired from teaching at Alamo Elementary School. I laugh now to remember how pleased I was to make it from Stone Valley Road to a little bridge about 200 yards away. During the next year we went farther and farther, laughing and talking, eventually walking for at least an hour.

Could my cardiac arrest have been prevented? Apparently not. And I was indeed fortunate that it happened in a public place (apologies to everyone inconvenienced by the resulting traffic jam). On the other hand, perhaps my body was able to survive because I was in great shape, thanks to good nutrition and exercise habits.

One health-related thing I need to resume is making blood donations, which apparently are badly needed this winter (see story inside, Page 12). I first gave blood in Danville so I could write about in it my Diablo Views column. Now that I am sharing new Valley Views, perhaps it is time to donate again, continuing the circle of life and helping others stay healthy, too. ■

Editor's note: Dolores Fox Ciardelli is Tri-Valley Life editor for the Pleasanton Weekly. Her column, "Valley Views," will appear in the paper on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.

About the Cover

RJ Cueva draws blood from donor Cassandra Napoli at the Pleasanton Blood Donation Center. The American Red Cross is in desperate need of blood donations early in 2020 after a steep drop off in contributions over the holiday season. Photo by Ryan J. Degan. Cover design by Doug Young.

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★ SOLD IN A FLASH Rising Star of the Month



Elyse Wohlenberg is a junior at Foothill High School with a passion for environmental sustainability and community service. During her sophomore year, she founded an environmental advocacy club at FHS and this year, implemented a tri-bin recycling program on campus. She has spoken about global warming, recycling bin implementation, and city energy consumption to the Pleasanton City Council and PUSD Board members.

Along with her mother, she is a member of National Charity League and volunteers numerous hours at various organizations including Alviso Adobe, Sunflower Hill, Museum on Main, Alameda County Fair, and the Pleasanton Public Library. She lettered in track during her freshman year and is currently the captain of the varsity track and field team.

In college, Elyse is planning to study environmental conservation and ecology. She is looking forward to helping establish a sustainable future through her studies and work. Congratulations Elyse!

The program, created to bring the community together, honors local youth ages 10-18 who demonstrating character, integrity, love of learning, involvement in school and community activities and/or the ability to overcome challenging life circumstances without compromising their education. The core of the Rising Star Student of the Month program is the student who makes a difference in their home, school & community with sincerity and passion. Send your nominations to Sue@SoldInAFlash.com

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

How are you keeping up with your New Year's resolutions?



Susan Sasek

Operations coordinator, with adoptable Megan

I can't really answer that question because I don't make annual resolutions. Whenever I feel like I need to change something about myself or a situation I'm in, I just make the decision to do it right away, right then and there, rather than waiting until the new year.



Roger Amir

Sales

So far, so good. My biggest resolution was to worry less about everything I stress out about because worrying is so counter-productive and accomplishes nothing. I keep reminding myself of that and have been doing quite well in sticking to my resolution.



Amy Casterman

Sales

I'm trying my hardest. My New Year's resolution for 2020 is to try to forgive people who I feel have "wronged" me because holding onto anger and resentment doesn't really accomplish anything. It's like swallowing poison and waiting for the other person to die. I didn't make that up. I heard it somewhere and it really resonated with me.



Hannah Ramirez

College student/hospitality agent

For the most part, I've been sticking to my resolutions. I've been working out more, studying harder and really applying myself to everything I do. Even though I have to admit I make many of my resolutions after the fact, once the new year has begun, everything is working out pretty well.



Bill Collins

Retired

Great, so far. The biggest thing that has been helping me stick to my resolutions this year is my new Constant Glucose Monitor (CGM). It is a device that enables me to measure my glucose levels without pricking my finger. Having that information handy, so easily, has helped me tremendously in making good decisions about food and eating.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

Livermore shooting

Two Livermore police officers shot and wounded a man they say appeared to try to run them down with his vehicle early Wednesday morning.

At about 3:30 a.m., the officers pulled over an apparently intoxicated driver on the Airway Boulevard off-ramp from eastbound Interstate 580, according to police.

In order to safely conduct a DUI investigation away from freeway traffic, the officers directed the driver to a nearby side road.

Within moments, the driver and both officers heard the sound of screeching tires and saw another vehicle accelerating directly toward them as they were standing on the side of the road, police said.

The officers fired at the oncoming vehicle, striking the driver at least once in the thigh, according to police. The suspect was the only occupant of the vehicle. The initial investigation was still pending as of press time.

—Bay City News Service

Remembering Ilene

The Dublin community will join together for a somber anniversary next Thursday evening as they gather for the annual Ilene Misheloff Candlelight Walk and Prayer Service.

Each year on Jan. 30, the Misheloff family, their friends, city leaders and everyday community members meet to remember Ilene and rekindle awareness about her abduction. The group walks the path 13-year-old Ilene took home from school on that fateful day she was abducted in 1989.

Ilene's whereabouts remain unknown.

Thursday's walk will begin at Wells (6800 Penn Drive) at 7 p.m. and proceed to St. Raymond Catholic Church (11555 Shannon Ave.) for the prayer service.

Anyone with information regarding Ilene Misheloff's disappearance can contact Dublin police Sgt. Alan Corpuz at 833-6682. Tips can remain anonymous.

PUSD webinar

Pleasanton Unified School District officials are hosting their first district-wide webinar this Monday (Jan. 27) at 7 p.m., an online meeting that will focus on PUSD facilities needs and potential upgrades.

The special webinar, held a week after an in-person community meeting at Amador Valley High on the topic of facilities, will feature a presentation update on Measure II, Measure M information and other facilities improvements projects.

The webinar will be taped as an educational resource for community members to reference in the future. Access the webinar on Monday using the link, <https://pusdfacilitiesupdate2020.eventbrite.com>. ■

Council still concerned about SB 50

'Could very much erode our ability to make decisions within our own community'

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council had plenty to say Tuesday night about one of the most controversial housing legislation proposals under consideration this year in Sacramento, Senate Bill 50.

A bill by San Francisco Democrat Sen. Scott Wiener, SB 50 aims to spur rapid housing development by relaxing standards for many residential projects and overriding local zoning regulations near transit stations and "job-rich" areas.

But the proposal has come under fire from suburban communities, and even some urban ones, as circumventing local control in favor

of an unfair "one size fits all" approach to housing solutions and not prioritizing actual affordable housing, among other criticisms.

The legislation, which was reclassified as a two-year bill after its introduction in 2019, experienced some initial amendments as it returned to the State Senate's agenda this month, but Pleasanton officials think much more needs to be done to improve the bill — or defeat it altogether.

"This bill could very much erode our ability to make decisions within our own community. It's that important," Councilwoman Karla Brown said Tuesday night at the

Pleasanton Civic Center.

"If our community members were asked to vote on SB 50, which would allow four-plexes in both of your neighbors' properties, along with the threat to our historic downtown and parking restrictions, I know my community would not support this," Councilwoman Julie Testa added.

As it stands, despite hesitance or outright opposition from many local jurisdictions and even some local leaders and advocates in big cities like Los Angeles and San Francisco, SB 50 is likely to pass in the State Senate next week, according to Alex Gibbs, from the city's

advocacy firm, Townsend Public Affairs.

It would then head to the Assembly for more debate, possible amendments and final consideration during the year.

The council has maintained an official position of "oppose unless amended" on SB 50, mainly as a strategy to get a seat at the table, so to speak, as Wiener and supporters consider drafting amendments.

City staff recommended a similar strategy while early and future amendments become clearer — and the council did not change

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Sunol-Glen voting on \$9.5M bond measure

Bond would pay for new multipurpose room, classroom upgrades

By JEREMY WALSH

Sunol-Glen Unified School District voters are being asked in the March 3 primary election to decide on a \$9.5 million bond measure, which if approved would represent the small district's first new facilities bond issuance of the 21st century.

On the ballot as Measure O, the bond proceeds would fund a series of improvements to classroom buildings, technology and infrastructure, as well as a brand-new multipurpose room, at the nearly century-old campus on Main Street in Sunol that serves all of the students in the district.

"Measure O upgrades and repairs old, inadequate classrooms and facilities, improves the education of local children and maintains the quality of our community. That's something we can all support," wrote Sunol resident supporters of the new bond, led by School Board President Michael Picard, in the official ballot argument in favor of Measure O.

There was no ballot argument filed in opposition to the measure, which requires support from over 55% of voters to pass.

Surveys of prospective SGUSD

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RYAN J. DEGAN

Hundreds of women's rights advocates gathered at Amador Valley High School on Saturday to participate in the 2020 Tri-Valley Women's March.

2020 Tri-Valley Women's March

Hundreds take message of equality, perseverance through downtown

By RYAN J. DEGAN

On the centennial of women's suffrage in the United States, hundreds of women's rights advocates could be seen marching through downtown Pleasanton in a celebration of all that women have achieved over the past 100 years.

Held in combination with hundreds of similar events throughout the country last Saturday, the 2020 Tri-Valley Women's March saw participants acknowledge that while women have accomplished much, there are still many ongoing issues needed to be resolved.

"It's part celebration and part (recognizing) that we do have issues we are still fighting for," said 15-year-old Lily Mobraaten, an organizer for the march and co-founder of Pleasanton's Students for Social Change. "Something that I really like about the Women's March is that there is such a diversity of causes. Students for Social Change is here tabling. We have Moms Demand Action. There are so many different issues that not only affect women but our community as a whole."

Diversity and inclusion were central themes of the march, which was preceded by a rally

at Amador Valley High School where community members spoke of the tribulations girls and women have had to overcome and the work that lies ahead in achieving equality.

"There has been a very long history of women fighting for their rights that we are celebrating here today. And with all the good that has come from this movement, rooted in the ideals of inclusion and equity, we cannot forget there is a long history of exclusion and inequity within our own feminist movement,

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Pleasanton set for 20th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship Breakfast

Local volunteers will be honored at Community of Character event on Monday

By JULIA BAUM

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative will commemorate the 20th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship Breakfast on Monday morning.

King, who was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968, is etched into world history as one of the most influential American civil rights leaders. This year marks two decades since the first fellowship breakfast was held in Pleasanton, and what would have been the Nobel Peace Prize recipient's 91st birthday.

The event is one way that the Pleasanton community remembers and honors his legacy every year. This year's breakfast is inspired by the King quote, "Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way."

The annual breakfast will take place this Monday (one week after the Martin Luther King Jr. Day national holiday, as usual) from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Pleasanton, 7050 Johnson Drive.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Awards will be presented, and Tri-Valley Haven will also receive a special honor at the event. Pleasanton's recently appointed teen poet laureate Kanchan Naik will provide a reading.

A keynote speech will also be given by Kym Johnson, executive director of BANANAS, Inc., an

early care and education organization that supports families and child care providers.

Johnson, who is also on the executive committee of the Oakland Starting Smart and Strong Initiative, a 10-year effort committed to creating universal access to early learning, will speak about care and compassion in local communities.

Following a successful career in business development management, Johnson switched gears and joined the nonprofit sector 10 years ago. Since then Johnson has sat on a number of advisory boards and is currently a member of the Advisory Council of LeaderSpring Center, Oakland Rotary No. 3, and the Oakland Chamber of Commerce.

Johnson has several degrees including a bachelor's in marketing from San Francisco State University, an MBA from the University of San Francisco, and a nonprofit management certification from CSU East Bay. A native of Bronx, N.Y., Johnson has long called Oakland her "adopted hometown" and is the proud parent of a Fulbright scholar who works on social justice issues in the Bay Area.

For their contributions, Jeffery and Danielle Pennewell of Livermore and SideTrack Bar + Grill owner Todd Utikal of Pleasanton all will receive the 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award.



Kym Johnson

The Pennewells "are changing the world one kind word at a time" through their project Words Matter, according to event organizers, which "was designed to show students the power of their words — good and bad — and how a small act of kindness can have a positive impact on someone's day."

Words Matter was conceived as part of a "Choose love" curriculum in Jeffery Pennewell's fifth-grade Spanish dual immersion class at Junction Avenue K-8 School. Students decorated small cards with motivation quotes and kind comments, then Jeffery and Danielle handed them out in Union Square in San Francisco. The reactions of some of the recipients were recorded "in order to show the kids the impact of their work."

Jeffery Pennewell holds bachelor's degrees in political science and history, and a Masters of Public Policy and Administration from Baylor University. He is one of 22 black non-Hispanic teachers with a bilingual credential at Junction Avenue, and is the creator of Calculus of an Inspired Student, a mathematical model which uses key factors that contribute to a student's involvement and motivation to take control of their academic success.

Danielle Pennewell is a life coach and human relations professional

with a degree in economics and mathematics, and an MBA from UCLA's Anderson School of Management. She is the founder of Core Connection, a newly formed equine coaching program that helps "develop emotional intelligence and identify growth opportunities for all individuals and teams," and is vice chair on the board of the Community Tech Network.

Utikal, a longtime Pleasanton resident and business owner, will also be recognized that day. Organizers said Utikal "is always giving back" through his volunteer work with a number of nonprofits.

The Tri-Valley native has a business and accounting degree from Saint Mary's College and a diverse professional background; Utikal has worked in the real estate, hospitality and service sectors, briefly wrote comedy for a show in Las Vegas, and ran his own travel business before opening SideTrack Bar + Grill several years ago in downtown Pleasanton.

For the past decade, Utikal has been an active volunteer in the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, and raised through his business more than \$25,000 for local charities last year.



Danielle Pennewell



Jeffery Pennewell



Todd Utikal

As a "highly respected nonprofit leader in the Tri-Valley," Ann King, executive director of Tri-Valley Haven, and the organization itself will also receive a special honor at the fellowship breakfast.

Raised in a traditional Irish Catholic family in the Midwest, King has made "the effort to end violence" against women her life's work for more than 40 years. With a master's in social work, King has held several service and leadership positions over the past few decades.

Tri-Valley Haven has been considered "an essential component of the safety net for families in need in the Tri-Valley" for the past four decades, focusing on serving adults and children who have been victims of sexual assault, domestic violence or homelessness.

"They are a safe place, above all, for people who need to be protected before they can begin moving forward," award organizers said in a statement. "But they are also a place that is committed to doing more than merely healing a life that's hurting; they are committed to helping strengthen that life, and building a culture of personal empowerment for those who are most vulnerable."

Tickets to the fellowship breakfast are \$40 per person while supplies last. To register online, visit www.pleasanton.org/events. ■



Ann King

Dublin voters poised to decide \$290M bond

Second high school, new middle school among Measure J projects

By JULIA BAUM

Dublin Unified School District voters will soon decide if a new bond measure is the key to helping fix continued overcrowding in local schools.

Three school bond measures totaling \$566 million have passed in Dublin since 2004; residents will choose whether to support a fourth bond initiative for \$290 million, on the ballot as Measure J, in the March 3 primary election.

Last month, the Board of Trustees unanimously placed the \$290 million bond measure on the ballot, following a previous failed attempt for consensus in November. The board was mostly compelled to add the initiative in order to complete the second phase of the future new high school, and to also construct a middle school on

the Dublin Crossings site.

With a student population that's swelled by almost 200% in the past 10 years and forecast to grow another 25% during the next decade, school officials have been scrambling to add more funds and, thereby, add more capacity and meet community demands.

Measure J asks: "To improve the quality of education with funding that cannot be taken by the State, shall Dublin Unified School District update/modernize older schools, complete the second comprehensive high school and construct a middle school to relieve overcrowding, by adopting a measure authorizing \$290,000,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, averaging \$18,300,000 raised annually, with rates averaging \$50 per \$100,000

of assessed valuation while bonds are outstanding, with annual audits, citizens oversight, and all funds benefiting Dublin schools?"

If the 55% threshold of registered voters required to pass Measure J is realized, property owners would experience an annual tax increase of \$50 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

Measure J would generate an estimated \$18.3 million in revenue for DUSD each year, which would be used for the new high school, development of a middle school, and upgrades for facilities, technology and safety at both Dougherty Elementary and Cottonwood Creek, including money for a gym at the latter, if it remains a K-8 campus.

If Measure J passes, Dublin voters will have approved a total of \$856 million in school bond

measures in the past 16 years; locals adopted the most recent school bond, Measure H for \$283 million, in 2016, preceded by Measure E for \$99 million in 2012 and Measure C for \$184 million in 2004.

Money from Measures H and C has been used so far for renovations at Dublin Elementary School, constructing a future engineering and science building at Dublin High School, and a recent \$31 million land purchase for the future high school.

DUSD voters also agreed last May to extend an existing \$96-per-parcel annual tax — also called Measure E, on that ballot — giving Dublin students and schools a guaranteed source of \$1.7 million per year for supporting academic programs and other objectives like retaining qualified

teachers, curbing class sizes and maintaining classroom materials and technology.

As for other projects the district plans to eventually handle, Superintendent Dave Marken said in a statement last month, "Renovations to Nielsen Elementary School, which was a top-tier priority in the previous plan presented in November, has been moved to a second-tier priority and will be part of ongoing discussions with the board regarding how best to meet elementary school capacity needs in the future."

Should Measure J pass muster with voters this season, DUSD could potentially receive state funds to match locally sourced revenue. State cash matches were a prime factor of the financing plan that the trustees agreed on while the new measure was drafted. ■

Bay Area lawmakers support state buying Livermore ranch for \$20M

51,000-acre property could become California's newest state park

By JULIA BAUM

Bay Area leaders are moving quickly to acquire a large swath of land just south of Livermore that has attracted global interest from potential buyers for its pristine wilderness, and what could become California's newest state park.

More than a dozen local legislators have urged Gov. Gavin Newsom to buy N3 Ranch, a nearly 51,000-acre property near Del Valle Regional Park that spans across parts of Alameda, Santa Clara, San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties. The working cattle ranch was listed for sale in July 2019 for \$72 million.

The purchase would be partly funded with \$20 million either dedicated from this year's state budget surplus or included in one of several resource bond bills that are currently pending, as the group has suggested doing. A \$30 million match by the Nature Conservancy and the Trust for Public Land would help towards completing the transaction.

Newsom set aside \$20 million for the purchase of a new state park last week but hasn't specified where it would be. State Sen. Steve Glazer

(D-Orinda) and other officials said they want to strike fast before the coveted property is sold to a private party.

"This is a matter of urgent concern because this irreplaceable property is for sale now," Glazer said in a statement. "Nonprofit conservation groups have assembled funding commitments that could finance more than half the cost. We need to move on this quickly."

'Californians deserve this opportunity to be provided clean air, clean water and access to parklands.'

Rebecca Bauer-Kahan,
Assemblywoman

Deer, tule elk, wild pigs, turkeys, coyotes, mountain lions, bobcats, gray foxes and hundreds of bird species roam freely on the land, which has a significant source of drinking water and more than 200 miles of established trails for hiking,

mountain biking and ATV riding.

Covering nearly 80 square miles of backcountry terrain, the N3 Ranch would also be one of the state's largest public parks. There are also 14 historic cabins that officials said "could support a unique hut-to-hut experience similar to Yosemite's or those found in Europe but in the heart of the Bay Area."

Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) called the N3 Ranch, which was last on the market 85 years ago, "a critical asset in the efforts to protect our open spaces and fight climate change." Bauer-Kahan and Glazer (D-Orinda) are both among the local lawmakers that recently signed a declaration supporting the acquisition.

"Californians deserve this opportunity to be provided clean air, clean water and access to parklands. I am proud to be working with my colleagues to preserve this natural treasure," Bauer-Kahan said.

The state has some competition for the property, however; a real estate broker told Bay Area News Group last week that a number of potential buyers have shown interest, including some from overseas. ■

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leaving out our own sisters of color, our transgender and non-binary community members," said Brittini Kiick, a founding volunteer of Livermore Pride and the rally's emcee, stressing the historically overlooked importance of inclusion.

Other officials, activists and community volunteers who spoke at the rally include co-founder and co-president of Students for Social Change Arushi Avachat, adult mental health educator Lupita Barattino, State Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, SEIU 1021 vice president Jennifer Esteen, Kely Kauffman from Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, founder of the Homegirl Project Malavika Kannan, Mary Puthoff from the Livermore American Indian Center and Hayward City Councilwoman Aisha Wahab.

Musical entertainment was provided by Emma Gerson, Natasha Hicks and Shreya Pujari.

"To me, being a proud American, our differences are really what make us great. Our differences are the reason why America is America. It is the reason why people come to this country; it is the reason why my parents as refugees escaped a war-torn Afghanistan to provide a better life

for their family," Wahab added at the rally.

In addition to discussing issues that women continue to fight for, such as reproductive freedom, climate change and representation in government, women's rights advocates also commemorated the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, and the 55th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits voting practices and procedures that discriminate on the basis of race, color or membership in a language minority group.

Organizers also promoted the Women's Expo being held in front of the Amador football field, where participants could learn from local organizations about their rights and how to increase involvement in their local community.

At the expo, attendees could register to vote, and while many participants such as Mobraaten are too young to do so, expo volunteers still provided information on ways youth advocates could get involved in other ways.

"This is the fourth year of the march and it is kind of coming full circle, so I think its really exciting," Mobraaten told the Weekly. "As a youth activist I can't vote yet, but I'm excited to see my friends filtering into the generation that can." ■

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Tickets available for Mardi Paws fundraiser

Annual gala to benefit Tri-Valley Animal Rescue

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Since opening its doors more than 25 years ago, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue has helped thousands of lost and abandoned pets receive a new lease on life through receiving medical treatment and finding their forever homes.

Now saving more than 1,000 abandoned animals on average every year, TVAR is run solely by volunteers seeking to help give animals a second chance, and the group's annual flagship gala offers residents the opportunity to chip in and help financially support these efforts.

Scheduled for Feb. 22, the "Mardi Paws 2020 Gala Fundraiser" will feature a jazzy New Orleans-themed event that is set to include passed champagne, appetizers, dinner, a fun Dessert Dash, and live and silent auctions at Pleasanton's Castlewood Country Club.

Attendees will even get to learn about the animals who have benefited from TVAR's efforts to end euthanasia of homeless animals — hopeful pets like Nola. The kitten was rescued in Alameda County by a California Highway Patrol officer who found the kitten stuck in the



TVAR

A new Tri-Valley Animal Rescue pet, Nola the kitten was aptly named in the spirit of the nonprofit's Mardi Paws fundraising gala.

engine of a car and handed him over to an animal control officer at East County Animal Shelter, who saw that Nola was in dire need of medical intervention.

The shelter reached out to TVAR for assistance, who after some deliberation, recommended that Nola have his front left leg amputated to save the young cat's life. After undergoing an operation just over two weeks ago, shelter officials say

that while Nola is not quite ready for adoption, he is doing incredibly well.

In addition to learning about the furry friends that are available for adoption, participants will also have the opportunity to bid on a wide variety of options including a wild African seven-day safari, a four-course VIP dinner party for eight at the Forbes Mill Steakhouse, a getaway at the luxurious Hotel Yountville Resort, a barbecue dinner prepared in their home by Food Network's BBQ Pitmaster finalist and Blue Ribbon winner John "Bones" Melone, and much more.

Sponsors of this year's event include Comcast/Xfinity, Baron's Jewelers, Pet Supplies Plus and Triton Water Polo Club.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue's Mardi Paws will be held at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle, on Feb. 22. at 6 p.m. Tickets to Mardi Paws are \$125 per person and can be purchased online at www.tvvar.org. Dress for the gala is cocktail or country club casual (no denim).

To learn more or to become a sponsor, residents can call Lynne Menon at 918-518-9880. ■

City announces new CDD deputy director

Denis to manage planning division, oversee permit center

By JEREMY WALSH

Melinda Denis, a seasoned planner with public and private experience, including with the city of Pleasanton since 2016, has been promoted to deputy director of community development for Pleasanton.

Serving as the No. 2 administrator in the Community Development Department, Denis will also serve as manager of the planning division and oversee its permit center and code enforcement functions.

"I am very excited for this new opportunity and continuing to enhance customer service and project coordination for our residents and business community," Denis told the Weekly on Tuesday.

During her tenure with the city, Denis had served as the permit center manager, working with planning and building workflows, customer service and project coordination. City leaders cited her strong performance in helping coordinate the buildout of the new Workday headquarters, while also pointing out she had been working as interim planning manager during a department transition period.

As deputy director, Denis succeeds Ellen Clark, who was elevated to the city's community development director last month. Denis' promotion took effect

Jan. 1, but the news was announced Tuesday morning.

"Melinda has extensive private and public sector experience in architecture, planning and community development," City Manager Nelson Fialho said in a statement. "Her proven track record of improving workflow within the city's planning, building and code enforcement make Melinda a natural to step into this new role."

Before joining Pleasanton, Denis worked as an assistant planner for the city of Campbell, and was an associate planner, deputy zoning administrator and zoning administrator for the city of Mountain View, where she also served as chair of that city's Development and Review Committee. Notable projects that she worked on include Google, LinkedIn, Synopsys, as well as mixed-use residential projects and long-range planning assignments.

Denis earned a bachelor's degree in interior design and architecture, and a master's degree in urban planning — both from San Jose State University. She lives in Pleasanton with her husband and three school-aged children. ■



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Double rainbow over Livermore

Local nonprofit Sunflower Hill shared this photo on social media Jan. 16 after its lead farmer, Lina Valenzuela, captured the image of a double rainbow in clear view at Sunflower Hill Gardens in Livermore. Rainbows were visible throughout the Tri-Valley that morning.

Board approves plan to upgrade BART wireless services

Goal is to improve Wi-Fi coverage, cellphone connectivity

BART directors voted unanimously earlier this month to approve a plan to improve cellphone connectivity and provide seamless Wi-Fi coverage in a gradual process over five years.

BART officials said the project will involve constructing new Wi-Fi and Bluetooth infrastructure, enhance cellular coverage to drastically reduce dropped calls, provide reliable connectivity for video and audio streaming while riding and waiting, and allow for improved app functionality, even in underground stations.

They said the project also lays the groundwork necessary for potential future mobile ticketing and on-demand personalized service information on a riders' device of choice.

New BART General Manager Bob Powers said the advances are part of his emphasis on improving customers' experience while generating revenue for the transit system by expanding underground cellular and fiber optic infrastructure.

"We must bring our technology up-to-date and expand broadband

coverage to better compete in the transportation market and provide convenient, easy to use transit," Powers said in a statement.

The plan calls for BART and the San Francisco Municipal Railway to partner with Mobilitie, the country's largest private wireless infrastructure company, to add underground cell coverage to three Muni tunnels — Sunset, Twin Peaks and the Central Subway — within three years.

The next phase will require Mobilitie, which is based in Newport Beach, to build new wireless

systems in all BART stations within four years.

The third phase of the proposal will extend wireless services from the stations to BART's new "Fleet of the Future" train cars.

The final phase involves installing new commercial fiber optic cables along some BART and Muni rights of way.

The four projects are expected to bring in more than \$243 million over 20 years, with all capital

and operating expenses borne by Mobilitie, according to BART officials.

BART chief information officer Ravi Misra, who led the planning and negotiations for the project, said, "This digital railway project opens up the potential for BART to offer world class digital communication to our riders and to modernize our business practices in the field." ■

—Bay City News Service

Dublin council approves new commercial buildings

Daycare facility and two retailers will join Grafton Plaza

Three buildings that will house two retailers and a daycare center were approved by the Dublin City Council during its regular meeting last week.

The structures will occupy a 3.68-acre portion of Grafton Plaza on the southeast corner of Grafton Street and Dublin Boulevard, totalling about 31,900 square feet.

The project will build out the final phase of the Grafton Plaza Master Plan, joining the already completed 127-room Aloft Hotel and 115 townhomes currently under construction at the site, and includes 146 parking spaces.

There are also plans to build food and drink establishments at the site. The Grafton Plaza plan calls for "a coordinated and

integrated mixed-use development" with residential, commercial and retail uses, according to city documents.

The council also introduced an ordinance Jan. 14 allowing daycare facilities as a permitted use in the zoning and approved a minor use permit for parking reductions in the center. ■

—Julia Baum

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voters conducted last year, before the school board advanced the measure to the ballot, found that between 66.7% and 70.4% of local voters were in favor of the bond proposal.

The bond measure would result in an annual tax of \$59 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation for properties within SGUSD boundaries.

Superintendent Molleen Barnes and her administration pointed out that SGUSD, which hasn't passed a new bond measure since 1999, boasts by far the lowest bond dollar passed per student for Alameda County public school districts — though the others are kindergarten through 12th grade, while SGUSD is K-8 only.

SGUSD's bond-dollar-per-student ratio is \$7,167, while every other district in the county has over \$20,000 per student and the countywide average is \$38,646.

As a result, funding available for school facilities in SGUSD continues to pace well below the growing need, according to Measure O supporters. Sunol Glen School at 11601 Main St., now a K-8 campus, was first built in 1925 and saw major additions in the 1950s and 1990s.

Some of the Measure O projects focus on fixing age and wear-and-tear issues, such as repair and replace leaky roofs; replace or upgrade aging infrastructure; upgrade

inadequate and outdated electrical systems; renovate or replace aging plumbing and sewer systems; make security, safety and accessibility improvements; and energy-efficiency improvements.

The district also proposed to construct a modern technology, engineering and math lab, renovate and preserve the original 95-year-old school building, and "modernize, upgrade and renovate aging classrooms and restrooms."

And the centerpiece of Measure O would be a new multipurpose room, replacing the 1950s cafeteria with a larger modern building for student gathering, gymnasium space and staff lounge. Plus, the new MPR would be open for community use or rental year-round as well as serve as an evacuation center if needed.

Measure O supporters also note that passing the new bond would position SGUSD to pursue matching funds from the state for facilities projects.

The property tax for the bond is expected to last through the 2054-55 fiscal year, and total debt service to repay all of the bonds (including

principal and interest) is estimated at \$19,295,001, according to the Alameda County Counsel's Office impartial analysis of the measure.

In addition to Picard, the argument in favor of Measure O was signed by Sunol Citizens Advisory Committee member Constance DeGrange, former SGUSD superintendent/former trustee Diane Everett, Alameda County Fire Board commissioner Apolinario Ysit and Gerald Beemiller, owner of Nella Terra Cellars Winery and a former SGUSD trustee.

The official ballot question will ask SGUSD voters, "To improve the quality of education facilities; renovate electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems; repair/replace leaky roofs; and construct a multi-purpose room and technology, engineering, and math lab; shall Sunol Glen Unified School District's measure be adopted authorizing the issuance of \$9,500,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, generating on average \$535,972 annually as long as bonds are outstanding, at rates of approximately 5.9 cents per \$100 assessed value, with annual audits, citizens' oversight, and no money for salaries?" ■

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Lots of laughs headed for Bankhead stage

Livermore arts center adds comedy shows and more

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center has added six comedy shows to the calendar for the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center, including Paula Poundstone and other stars of NPR's "Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!"

"Wait Wait" has been on the air since 1998, hosted by humorist, author and playwright Peter Sagal, who will be at the Bankhead on April 17. Alonzo Bodden, another "Wait Wait" regular, will appear for his comedy show May 16; and Paula Poundstone, a Tri-Valley favorite, will return to the Bankhead on June 27 with her signature wooden stool, Diet Pepsi and insights on life.

The purchase of tickets for all three shows — Sagal, Bodden and Poundstone — qualifies for a 15%



Alonzo Bodden



Paula Poundstone

discount, a special "Wait Wait" offer. Also, the Best of San Francisco Comedy Competition will return to the Bankhead with a new lineup in May.

The Bothwell Theater will offer two nights of comedy in its casual atmosphere. Kira Soltanovich appears Feb. 8, followed by Jackie Kashian on March 21.

These are additions to the comedy shows already on the schedule:

"The Second City: Laughing for All the Wrong Reasons" in March, and the ever-popular "Capitol Steps: The Lyin' Kings" in a timely election-season-themed show in May.

Also, a second date was added May 6 for Broadway star and Disney legend Lea Salonga since her first show, on May 8, sold out just a few months after tickets went on sale.

Salonga's career includes her Tony Award-winning role in "Miss Saigon" as well as "Les Miserables," "Flower Drum Song," and most recently "Once on this Island." A Disney Legend, Salonga voiced both Princess Jasmine and Mulan in the original animated films.

For tickets, call 373-6800, visit lvpac.org, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore. All performances have special tickets priced

at \$20 for students under 21 and military personnel. ■

Shows added to lineup

- Bankhead Theater,**
2400 First St., Livermore
- Alonzo Bodden, at 8 p.m., Friday, April 17; \$20-\$75
 - Lea Salonga, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 6; \$20-\$95
 - Best of San Francisco Comedy, 8 p.m., Friday, May 15; \$30
 - Peter Sagal, 8 p.m., Saturday, May 16; \$20-\$95
 - Paula Poundstone, 8 p.m., Saturday, June 27; \$20-\$65

- Bothwell Arts Center,**
2466 Eighth St., Livermore
- Kira Soltanovich, 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8; \$35
 - Jackie Kashian, 8 p.m., Saturday, March 21; \$35.

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its position Tuesday — but Brown criticized what exactly the "seat at the table" has accomplished since some of Pleasanton major concerns are still not satisfactorily addressed.

"It's time to stand up and say 'oppose.' Why do we still say 'unless amended?'" Testa added. "It's going to be devastating if it passes."

Ellen Clark, the city's community development director, told the council that despite the recent revisions, a number of aspects of SB 50 remain potentially problematic for Pleasanton.

The bill as written still retains relaxation of standards for apartment height, density and parking for eligible projects in "jobs-rich" or "transit-rich" areas.

Pleasanton remains particularly concerned about those impacts, in part because the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) train station would be considered a major transit stop and thus triggering a "transit-rich" designation for much of downtown. City officials are advocating for low-frequency rail like ACE not to be considered major transit.

The city also wants stronger protections for historic neighborhoods. SB 50 language would protect historic resources listed on the stringent state and federal registry, but the vast majority of the homes and buildings formally cited by Pleasanton as historic resources in downtown are not on those lists.

City officials are concerned too about lack of clarity in SB 50 on topics such as the proposed "jobs-rich" area maps and how the bill

would impact the next Housing Element update and regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) process for Pleasanton.

"I've heard a lot of clarification and definition in the discussion tonight. And that's what this bill looks like: It's not defined," Councilman Jerry Pentin said.

He later asked the city's lobbyist whether SB 50 proponents "understand that cities don't build, they zone and then get out of the way once (private developers) have the permits?"

"The goal of this bill, I think, is to produce housing that's affordable. Where is that in here, the affordability piece of it?" Vice Mayor Kathy Narum added. "I don't see it, and maybe I'm missing it, the things that would make it affordable. There's nothing in here about relaxing CEQA, for example."

No residents spoke to the council on SB 50 during the meeting.

Council members didn't take any action, as the item was designed as informational-only, but they concurred with staff's plan to continue efforts to monitor the bill and to engage with Tri-Valley community partners to develop regional and local responses during the process.

Mayor Jerry Thorne was absent from Tuesday's meeting, away in Washington, D.C. representing Pleasanton at the annual U.S. Conference of Mayors.

In other business

- The council voted 4-0 to approve the city's first-ever local preference policy to give Pleasanton contractors and vendors a potential leg up in the bid process for certain city projects and supply agreements.

The two-fold policy involves first adding a local preference provision for Pleasanton businesses in cases of tie bids.

So in situations in which two or more bids are competitively

matched in relation to qualifications, quality, cost and experience, the policy would allow the city to award the contract based on preference to the Pleasanton-based bidder over an out-of-city business.

The other aspect of the policy creates a bid calculation preference of 5% (up to \$5,000 per transaction) for Pleasanton businesses in the bidding process for city contracts for supplies, equipment and trade services.

- Council members postponed until February discussion of proposed modifications to the city's down payment assistance program, including increasing the maximum loan for qualifying buyers from \$20,000 to \$100,000 (with up to \$300,000 available in the program per year), restructuring the loan terms as a deferred payment loan and adopting a shared appreciation loan policy for repayment.

- They also approved a 20-item consent calendar, a collection of items deemed routine and voted upon all at once at the beginning of the meeting.

Consent topics Tuesday included the second reading and final adoption of three ordinances previously discussed at length: giving voting authority to youth members on four city commissions, confirmation of new penalties for illegal demolition of historic structures and approval of a project to replace the long-vacant Denny's restaurant on Owens Drive with a new multi-tenant commercial building.

Also on consent were a \$466,089 contract with Lehr Auto Electric for Pleasanton police's automated license plate reader system, a \$275,149 agreement with Park Planet for playground renovations at Orloff Neighborhood Park and accepting new public artwork for Alviso Adobe Community Park — "Eventide," a cold-welded steel replica of a mountain lion. ■

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Coffee with a Cop

Pleasanton residents who want to learn more about their city police officers, perhaps over a warm beverage, will have the chance on Tuesday morning (Jan. 28).

The Pleasanton Police Department is holding its Coffee with a Cop event from 8-10 a.m. at Peet's Coffee & Tea at 5765 Valley Ave.

Reading tutors

The city Library and Recreation Department is holding a training and orientation event to onboard incoming English language tutors for its adult literacy program, Pleasanton Reads, this Saturday (Jan. 25) from 1-4 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center at 5353 Sunol Blvd.

"The program is seeking patient, caring volunteers to help English learners gain fundamental reading, writing, and conversation skills. Volunteer tutors lead a variety of activities, including one-on-one lessons with students, small group conversation practice, citizenship test preparation and book clubs," city officials said.

Pleasanton Reads and its 130-plus active volunteers provide ESL and literacy services to more than 200 adult students throughout the Tri-Valley, but even more tutors are always needed as the student waitlist has exceeded 100 people.

Contact Pleasanton Reads at literacy@cityofpleasantonca.gov or 931-3405.

Student jobs

The East Bay Regional Park District is hosting two Youth Job Fairs in the upcoming weekends to raise awareness of employment opportunities for teenagers in the East Bay.

EBRPD positions for youth include interpretive student aides, public safety student aides, recreation leaders, lifeguards, gate attendants, park services attendants, student laborers, field interns and standard interns.

The upcoming job fairs will run from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hayward Area Senior Center this Saturday (Jan. 25) and the Pleasant Hill Senior Center next Saturday (Feb. 1). Visit www.ebparcs.org.

Sunflower Hill grant

Sunflower Hill, a Tri-Valley nonprofit aimed at providing residential and vocational opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities, recently received a \$5,000 grant from human resource consulting firm Robert Half to support Sunflower Hill at the Stable Cafe.

The grant will help fund the purchase supplies and equipment to support the Stable Cafe program, as well as provide for safety training for Sunflower Hill staff working alongside program participants.

The Stable Cafe is located on the Alameda County Fairgrounds at the Gate 12 entrance. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Roman holiday: John and Marianne Sensiba visited the Colosseum in Rome in September, enjoying a honeymoon 33 years in the making.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to editor@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

Staying Healthy

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Julie Lythcott-Haims, keynote speaker at next weekend's forum.

DARE TO PARENT DIFFERENTLY

**Best-selling author challenges overparenting
for upcoming Parenting Forum**

By JULIA BAUM

Kids can travel the road to success many ways — after-school tutoring, music lessons, sports teams and volunteer work are just a few to start — but New York Times best-selling author Julie Lythcott-Haims insists that parents can help more by actually doing less.

The former Stanford University dean of freshmen has spent the past 15 years drawing attention to the downsides of parental over-involvement, first writing an op-ed for the Chicago Tribune in 2005 and again in her 2015 book, "How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success".

Lythcott-Haims's philosophy will be explored deeply in her keynote speech for the upcoming fourth annual Community Education Parenting Series Forum, entitled "Dare to Parent Differently," on Feb. 1 at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. As the keynote speaker at the inaugural forum in 2017, Lythcott-Haims focused back then on the importance of fostering independence and self-reliance in children by allowing them to make and grow from their mistakes.

Many parents know that being too helpful can hinder their child's development; Lythcott-Haims wants to help this year's forum attendees learn how to recognize

those harmful behaviors in themselves, why it happens, and what to do about it.

"It's focusing more on why we parents feel the inclination to over-parent. We feel a need to control our children's outcome in part because we feel safer when we do that," Lythcott-Haims told the Weekly. "(The speech is) more a focus on what's going on inside our heads that lead us to these behaviors that are seemingly innocuous or helpful...but in the long term it's compromising their mental health. This approach says if we can be more aware why we're doing this in the first place, maybe we can heal ourselves."

Lythcott-Haims said she realized her parenting style was meddling years earlier when she "had my own ah-ha moment" while cutting her then-10-year-old son's meat during dinner one evening. "I was the college dean at Stanford railing against overparenting and I come home and I'm overparenting my own children," she said. "It's just one tiny example of all the skills I'm supposed to be teaching my kid. Once I realized that, it became very humbling and I became motivated to undo it."

Helicopter parenting is damaging because it reduces the parent-child bond to a transactional relationship, especially when grades are involved. According to Lythcott-Haims, academic performance

is one of the most common concerns for parents but she said modern technology has resulted in over monitoring.

"If a high school offers a portal where parents can see their kid's grades all the time, they feel it's their job to check it all the time," Lythcott-Haims said. "What's happening is the kid's like a stock in the stock market — the parent has made an investment in the kid, in the school, and is checking to see how it's doing, and it's as if all of that growth and return is coming back to us as a parent in the same way as if a stock did really well."

There's no harm in a parent caring about their child's grades but, Lythcott added, "when we act like we need to know what grades they get (every day), we need to argue with the teacher...it makes the child feel like, 'This is not my education, this is not my endeavor, this is somebody else's.'"

A parent's anxiety about their children's future and success can stem from their own insecurities and need for assurance but Lythcott-Haims said it can also be triggered by external sources. "The other why, whatever's going on with ourselves, is the peer pressure we feel in our community," she said. "When the in-group in the community is overparenting, it's really hard to stray from that herd, but I'm finding parents increasingly...are hungry for a better life."

Some signs that a parent might be overly invested can be subtle; one indicator is the language they use when discussing their child's life, Lythcott-Haims said. "If you're constantly saying 'we' when you mean your kid — 'we have a test tomorrow,' 'we're applying to college,' 'we're on the softball team' — that's a linguistic hint that says, 'I think that my kid's life is my life.'"

"Another is you feel like you're constantly arguing with the adults in your kid's life — principals, teachers, coaches — if you feel the need to argue on every point, every decision, every rationale, that may be a sign," she added.

Feeling the need to do their child's homework, whether in part or entirely, is also a sign that the parent needs help, Lythcott-Haims said. "I joke, 'get therapy,' but it's not a joke; it's an encouragement to figure out what's going on in you that says, 'I'm not OK and constantly up in my kid's business.'"

The fourth annual Parenting Forum takes place Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. The course is free and open to parents, youths and community members. Visit www.pleasantonfun.com to sign up, using course number 17621.

To learn more, contact Andrea McGovern at amcgovern@cityofpleasantonca.gov or visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■



Top: The Pleasanton Blood Donation Center is just one location where residents can donate blood to the American Red Cross, which is in desperate need of more supply after a dip in contributions during the holiday season. Above: Heather Simone says she donates blood every few months because the Red Cross is always in need and it feels good to help.

Are you the type to save a life?

Red Cross grappling with blood shortage after holiday lull

STORY AND PHOTOS BY RYAN J. DEGAN

With the holiday season resulting in a sharp decrease in blood donation drives, the American Red Cross is in desperate need of blood donors, and Tri-Valley residents are encouraged to help save a life at the Pleasanton Blood Donation Center.

Red Cross officials say that while blood, platelets and plasma donations are always needed, the holiday season lull has left the organization's reserves of type O blood particularly low and that as of Jan. 6, the organization only had enough in supply to last an estimated three days.

"Lifesaving medical treatments and emergencies never take a holiday," Paul Sullivan, senior vice president for Red Cross Biomedical Services, said in a statement. "Declines in donations can affect patient care. That's why the Red Cross is encouraging eligible donors to make an appointment to give now and help those sidelined by illness and trauma."

Often referred to as universal donors, individuals with type O blood — also known as O-negative — are capable of donating to patients of any blood type, but can only receive blood donations from members of their own blood group, making their blood particularly valuable and often on short supply.

Stressing the severity of the issue, during the holiday season Red Cross estimates that about 500 fewer blood drives than usual were hosted by volunteer sponsor groups. With so many people hosting holiday themed events or traveling — AAA estimates that a record 115.6 million Americans traveled during the holiday period — it can become difficult for individuals to find the time to donate.

On average a donation of one pint of blood can be used to benefit up to three patients in need. Donated blood is used to treat medical conditions including anemia, cancer and blood disorders, assist patients going through surgery and even to help new mothers who have lost blood during childbirth.

"You never know when someone you love might end up needing a blood transfusion," said Jaqueline Bakehorn, a family member of a blood donor recipient. "We are so thankful for those who have given blood and would love to see more people donate."

Currently all blood types are needed in order to ensure a reliable supply for patients. Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment online and bring a blood donor card, driver's license, or two other forms of identification when checking-in.

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in generally good health and be 17 years old in most states — although 16-years-olds can donate with parental consent.

In order to prepare for a donation, participants are encouraged to eat iron-rich foods, such as red meat, fish, poultry, beans, spinach, iron-fortified cereals or raisins before heading in. Red Cross officials explain that iron is an essential mineral that is a part of hemoglobin — a protein that carries oxygen to the tissues throughout the body — and is required in order to make new blood cells, replacing the ones lost through blood donations.

Donors should also get a good night's rest, drink plenty of water and be sure to digest a healthy amount of vitamin C before donating.

Times vary slightly depending on each person, however the total process of

STAYING HEALTHY



RJ Cueva draws blood from donor Cassandra Napoli. The actual process for donating blood typically takes about eight to 10 minutes.

registering and donating takes about one hour and fifteen minutes to complete — with the actual drawing of a pint of whole blood taking eight to 10 minutes. On the day of the donation participants are encouraged to wear a shirt with sleeves that can be rolled up above the elbow, drink an extra 16 oz. of water and let staffers know which arm they would prefer to use for donating.

After the donation is complete participants should be sure to enjoy some snacks and relax in a donation center's recovery area, drink an extra four (8 oz.) glasses of liquids, avoid alcohol over the next 24 hours and be sure to tell others about the good deed they've just done. Red Cross officials say "the gratification of giving blood is a feeling you'll want to share" and it may just encourage others to donate.

The Pleasanton Blood Donation Center is located at 5880 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite

34, across the street from Hart Middle School — it moved from its previous location at Springdale Avenue at the end of March 2019.

Upcoming drives at the Pleasanton Blood Donation Center will be held today, Saturday and Sunday from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Wednesday from 11:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. and next Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. The blood center will accept walk-ins if a spot is available, however it is recommended that participants make a scheduled appointment beforehand as the center can get quite busy and space is otherwise not guaranteed.

Donors can search for other Blood Drives, or make an appointment to give now, using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting www.RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or through enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. ■



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The Pleasanton Blood Donation Center is now located at 5880 W Las Positas Blvd., having moved from its previous location on Springdale Avenue last year.

Discover Diablo — a free hikes program

Enjoy wild lands, open spaces, breathtaking views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Looking for a nearby activity that is good for the mind, body and soul — and is free? Check out this year's Discover Diablo, a public hike series by Save Mount Diablo that offers guided interpretive family walks, hikes and property tours open to everyone looking to get out in nature.

The 24 events in 2020 will take place on a Save Mount Diablo property or on land that it helped to protect, as participants explore the Bay Area's wild lands and open spaces.

Save Mount Diablo is a land trust founded in 1971 to preserve Mount Diablo's peaks, surrounding foothills and watersheds through land acquisition and preservation strategies. Its members are biologists, conservationists, hikers, bikers, equestrians, bird watchers — and people who just love to look at the mountain.

"It is the goal of the Discover Diablo program to build connections between people, Save Mount Diablo and the land, helping our communities develop a strong sense of place and a deepened appreciation for our collective back yard," said Ted Clement, executive director of Save Mount Diablo.

Through this hiking program, Save Mount Diablo intends to reach new audiences and build its membership base of outdoor enthusiasts. The goal is also to spark a passion



RYAN J. DEGAN

Discover Diablo helps residents learn about the Diablo Range habitat.

for the Diablo Range and to help people deepen their connections to the land and nature.

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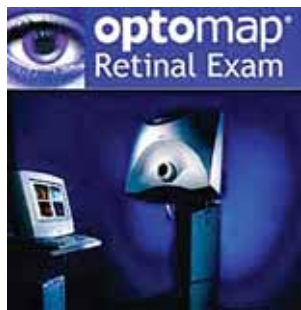


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Hikers enjoy the trails on a guided hike through Perkins Canyon during the Save Mount Diablo hiking series.

Discover Diablo Guided Hikes

- Jan. 25:** Mary Bowerman Birthday Hike
- Feb. 1:** Shell Ridge Open Space Hike
- Feb. 22:** Oak Woodland Hike
- Feb. 29:** Wildlife Connectivity Hike
- March 14:** Connect With Nature Hike
- March 21:** Wildflowers on the Equinox Hike
- March 28:** Morgan Territory Wildflower Hike
- April 4:** Curry Canyon Ranch Photography Skills Hike
- April 11:** Irish Canyon Audubon Hike
- April 26:** Mangini Ranch Wildflower Hike
- May 2:** Mitchell Canyon Medicinal Herb Walk
- May 7:** Curry Canyon Ranch Mt. Diablo Audubon Hike
- May 9:** Mitchel Canyon Wildflower Hike
- June 6:** Small Wonders along the Trail
- July 11:** Wright Canyon Evening Property Tour
- Aug. 1:** Mangini Ranch Meditation Hike
- Sept. 19:** Mitchell Canyon Tarantula Hike
- Oct. 10:** Borges Ranch Fall Hike
- Oct. 25:** Black Diamond Mines Halloween Hike
- Nov. 7:** Curry Point to Balancing Rock Hike — Great Views with Only Modest Effort
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Dr. Emil Eyvazzadeh (fifth from right) has delivered about 10,000 babies in his 30-year-plus career as a doctor, including all 10 of the Karleskind children who were reunited with the doctor during a special event at San Ramon Regional Medical Center.

Treasuring the moment

Family reunites with physician who delivered all 10 children

BY RYAN J. DEGAN

During his long career as a doctor, Emil Eyvazzadeh estimates that he has delivered about 10,000 babies.

An OB/GYN at San Ramon Regional Medical Center since its opening in 1990, Dr. Eyvazzadeh says he has been working in his profession for so long that he is now delivering babies for the babies he delivered more than 30 years ago.

The experience that has come through this long career is perhaps appreciated by none more than Eric and Maya Karleskind, an Alamo couple who had all 10 of their children delivered by Eyvazzadeh.

“Dr. Eyvazzadeh is a wonderful doctor. He is very calm, reassuring, attentive, serious and professional,” Maya Karleskind said of the longtime doctor. “We have always said that we wished he could be our pediatrician, general practitioner, dentist, ophthalmologist.”

“Most patients develop a special attachment to their OB/GYN because of the nature of our job,” Eyvazzadeh added. “For the Karleskind family, I am so lucky that I was able to be present for all 10 deliveries of their kids. When the time came, the family wanted to make sure I was available for each delivery. We definitely developed a special bond throughout the years. I was very lucky to be present for all 10 births.”

All 12 members of the Karleskind family were able to meet and reconnect with Eyvazzadeh at San Ramon Regional, when the group gathered for a special reunion event on Dec. 30.

The Karleskinds have 10 kids in total: first up is Eric Jr. who is 20 year old, followed by Etienne (19), Édouard (17), Maximilien (17), Christoph (16), Marie-Catherine (14), Claire (11), Gregoire (7-1/2) Clotilde (6) and last but not least 3-year-old Emile.

The family first went to Eyvazzadeh prior to the birth of eldest son Eric, at the recommendation of Maya’s sister-in-law Lisa. Eyvazzadeh has delivered six of Lisa’s children and

had a good reputation with the family as a professional and helpful doctor.

Maya said they did not intentionally plan to have him deliver all 10 of their children, but that they always prayed that he would be on-call when the time came. And perhaps through a combination of luck and providence, Eyvazzadeh was never sick or away on other business when the time came to deliver.

“I was very young and my English was not very good. Eyvazzadeh was very patient. He took his time to explain things properly,” Maya said of her first time. “He always took the time to explain everything, even when I was asking things he already explained. He has always been very respectful of our choice to have many children.”

The Karleskinds’ have such a high opinion of the doctor, they even went so far as to name their 10th child Emile after Eyvazzadeh — Maya explained that they added an “e” at the end of his name because they preferred the French spelling.

“He said that the rule in the hospital was that if you did not pick the name of your child within an hour of the birth, he had to be named after the doctor. He was joking, of course, but we thought it would be a beautiful way to honor such a wonderful doctor,” Maya said.

Eyvazzadeh says it is this type of human connection that keeps him energized and passionate about helping bring life into the world.

“It’s amazing when I see my patients from years ago and they stop me and say, ‘My mom told me you delivered me 30 years ago.’ It’s always very touching,” Eyvazzadeh told the Weekly. “This profession is very special because you have that human bond with your patients, and truly become a part of their family. Doing this day in and day out, I get so much energy delivering babies. I see them cry. I see them laugh. I see them grow. It’s all about life and I treasure every moment.” ■

HIKES

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“We want to cultivate a love of the land in participants, as that is what it will take to ensure the precious Mount Diablo natural area is taken care of for generations to come,” Clement said.

Discover Diablo hikes, which are for all ages and skill levels, are guided by knowledgeable staff and experienced volunteer hike leaders. Some of the properties hiked in the program are not yet open to the public, so participants have special opportunities to visit breathtaking landscapes rarely seen.

Shell Martinez Refinery is sponsoring the

program for the fourth year.

“We hope that people will enjoy learning more about the diverse habitats and the striking vistas while spending time outside with their families and friends,” said Ann Notarangelo, the refinery’s external relations manager.

Registration is required for the hikes and tours. For a schedule, go to bit.ly/Discover-Diablo-Hikes-Calendar.

The hikes kick off this Saturday with an easy, 1-mile jaunt that circles the Mount Diablo peak just below the summit, for 360-degree views. Although the hikes are free, parks charge entrance fees.

To learn more about the land trust, visit www.savemountdiablo.org. ■



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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Driver killed in fiery crash at Hacienda and West Las Positas

A driver died in a fiery car crash on city streets in Pleasanton on Saturday evening after his Tesla slammed into a traffic signal pole and cement wall, according to police.

The name of the male driver has not been released, and the cause of the solo-vehicle crash in front of the Andares condominiums remains under investigation, as of Wednesday morning.

The fatal wreck unfolded just before 6 p.m. Saturday when the driver of a 2018 Tesla Model S traveling southbound on Hacienda Drive lost control for unknown reasons at the West Las Positas Boulevard intersection, according to Pleasanton police Sgt. Ben Sarasua.

The Tesla struck a traffic signal pole and a cement wall, and then caught fire once it came to rest a few feet from the condo complex, Sarasua said. The male driver, who was the only occupant, was killed, according to the sergeant.

As of Wednesday morning, the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau autopsy was still pending to officially confirm cause of death, as well as the victim's identity because his body was severely burned in the crash.

The Pleasanton police traffic unit continues to investigate the cause of the crash, but it appears speed was a contributing factor, according to Sarasua.

Investigators have not yet determined whether alcohol or drugs were a factor, and the final

toxicology report will tell the tale. Sarasua added that police may not be able to determine whether any possible autopilot function played a role because the Tesla was severely damaged.

In a follow-up report around noon Sunday, police officials said the Tesla's battery actually reignited after the car had been taken away from the scene. Fire crews responded to contain the flames.

Portions of West Las Positas Boulevard and Stoneridge Drive near the intersection were closed throughout Saturday night during the investigation and cleanup. The county's AC Alert system announced that the roadways fully reopened just after 5 a.m. Sunday.

The Livermore Police Department and Alameda County Sheriff's Office assisted Pleasanton police with the investigation and traffic control, Sarasua said.

This was the second serious crash in Pleasanton in nearly 24 hours.

A motorcyclist sustained critical injuries after losing control and striking a pole while riding on Dublin Canyon Road during the afternoon commute last Friday, police said.

Officers were called out to Dublin Canyon Road near Laurel Creek Drive on reports of a motorcyclist down around 4:45 p.m. Friday, according to Pleasanton police Lt. Brandon Stocking.

Arriving police and fire personnel found the rider unresponsive with major injuries after crashing into a pole, according to Stocking. The motorcyclist, a 22-year-old Castro Valley man whose name was not released, was transported to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley and was listed in critical condition.

The motorcycle was the only vehicle involved in the crash, Stocking said. The cause remains under

investigation, and several witnesses remained on scene to provide statements to officers.

That section of Dublin Canyon Road was closed for nearly five hours until reopening around 10 p.m. Friday.

Anyone with information about either serious crash can contact Pleasanton PD's traffic unit at 931-5100.

In other news

- An undocumented Mexican man who held the gun that killed Pleasanton native Kate Steinle on a San Francisco pier in 2015 was ordered by a U.S. judge last week to participate in a psychological evaluation to determine whether he is competent to stand trial on federal gun charges.

Steinle, 32, was struck and killed by a ricocheting bullet from a gun held by Jose Ines Garcia Zarate on Pier 14 on July 1, 2015.

Zarate, 47, who contends the shooting was an accident, was acquitted of murder and manslaughter charges in San Francisco Superior Court in 2017.

But he faces two federal criminal charges of being an ex-felon and an undocumented person in possession of a gun. He was scheduled to go on trial last week in the court of U.S. District Judge Vince Chhabria in San Francisco, but the judge postponed the trial because of concerns about Zarate's mental competence.

After Zarate declined to participate in an evaluation by a psychologist on Jan. 13, Chhabria ordered him brought to court on Jan. 15 so that Chhabria could personally order him to cooperate in the assessment, which was rescheduled for Thursday. Zarate, who is being held in pre-trial custody, appeared in court in red Alameda County jail clothing. His hair was closely shaven.

"As I have indicated, I have

concerns about whether you have a mental health condition that would prevent you from being able to go to trial," Chhabria told Zarate through a translator.

"I have ordered you to undergo an evaluation by a mental health professional. I want to make clear that I am ordering you to participate," he said.

Chhabria told Zarate that a trial can't take place until there is an evaluation and said a refusal to cooperate would mean that he would remain in custody for the time being.

Outside of court, defense attorney Tony Serra said on Jan. 15 that the judge became concerned after he asked Zarate in a previous hearing what the charges against him were, and Zarate twice responded "illegal entry."

Serra said he believes Zarate is competent to go to trial and that Zarate is eager to do so in hopes of being acquitted and released.

- Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley and Clear Channel Outdoor recently unveiled a new public awareness campaign to combat human trafficking in all forms that's called, "Take The Pledge."

O'Malley said the campaign invites and challenges community members to declare their support of efforts to combat human trafficking and exploitation.

The "Take The Pledge" message will be presented on Clear Channel billboards and bus shelters throughout Alameda County.

O'Malley said community members can click on the "Take The Pledge" icon on HEATWatch.org and register their support. She said they also can learn how they can support the efforts of activists and abolitionists who are working to end human trafficking.

January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month and

O'Malley said the "Take The Pledge" campaign is a good way to start the new decade with action aimed at stopping both commercial sexual exploitation and commercial labor exploitation.

O'Malley said the billboards drive internet traffic to the her office's Human Trafficking website, where people can take the pledge anonymously and sign up for text and email alerts with messages detailing ways to become involved in the fight.

"While my office continues to work tirelessly to put an end to these dangerous and exploitative criminal enterprises, it certainly takes all of us doing our part to stop to human trafficking," O'Malley said in a statement.

O'Malley said, "We are dedicated to prosecuting traffickers and purchasers of exploited and trafficked children, who are funding the criminal enterprise. We are also committed to protecting and assisting victims."

But she said her office needs everyone in the community to let their voices be heard by participating in the campaign and taking action.

O'Malley said, "Whether that means becoming more informed, starting a club in a school, requesting a speaker or participating in an event, this campaign will provide a meaningful way to join the fight."

The DA noted that over the past 13 years her office has prosecuted 727 defendants involving human sex trafficking related offenses, with an 81% success rate.

To report human trafficking people can call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center's 24-hour hotline at 888-373-7888 or text "BeFree" (233733). People can also call the HEATWatch tip line at 510-208-4959. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Jan. 18

Shoplifting

- 11:24 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive
- 8:21 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 9:13 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Fraud

- 2:56 p.m. on the 5800 block of Stonecliff Vista Lane

Drug violation

- 4:24 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Jan. 17

Theft

- 9:59 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
- 3:01 p.m., 1500 block of Brookline Place; bicycle theft
- 3:10 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Assault/battery

- 4:00 p.m. on the 6800 block of Vale Court

Domestic battery

- 11:48 p.m. on Wenig Court

Jan. 16

Drug violation

- 12:45 a.m. on the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

Theft

- 7:34 a.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft from auto
- 7:44 a.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 11:00 a.m. on the 1100 block of Banc Court
- 5:48 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 8:39 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

DUI

- 12:33 p.m. at Laguna Creek Lane and West Lagoon Road

Assault/battery

- 4:01 p.m. on the 6800 block of Vale Court

Jan. 15

Burglary

- 7:37 a.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 6:50 p.m. on the 7700 block of Forsynthia Court

Vandalism

- 12:13 p.m. on the 7800 block of Flagstone Drive

Warrant arrest

- 4:06 p.m. on the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft from auto

- 7:00 p.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road
- 7:14 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 8:41 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 8:54 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
- 10:01 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Jan. 14

Theft

- 6:31 a.m., 7500 block of Olive Drive; theft from auto
- 11:17 a.m., 7700 block of Cottonwood Lane; auto theft
- 2:13 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 8:48 p.m. on the 1200 block of Donahue Court

Drug violation

- 6:51 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Assault/battery

- 1:04 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Jan. 13

Warrant arrest

- 1:00 p.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

DUI

- 12:13 a.m. at Santa Rita Road and Pimlico Drive

Drug violation

- 7:09 a.m. at Rosewood and Owens drives
- 10:59 a.m. on the 500 block of Boulder Court

Theft

- 8:17 a.m., 3500 block of Pimlico Drive; theft from auto
- 1:35 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 1:39 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 1:45 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto



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Vote Yes on Measure M, for students and schools

The \$323 million bond measure for the Pleasanton Unified School District, on the March primary election ballot as local Measure M, is vital for the short- and long-term future of district facilities — and by direct extension, the success of Pleasanton's students.

The proposed general obligation bond, and associated property tax (\$43.10 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation), are necessary funding sources to help the district retain the financial means to continue facility upgrades sorely needed at public schools across Pleasanton.

The need has certainly been demonstrated.

The district's 2018 Facilities Master Plan identifies an estimated \$1.1 billion worth of projects to carry all school sites into and through the 21st century. Take a tour of many Pleasanton schools and the needs become distinctly apparent, from small issues in individual classrooms to unsafe student dropoff and pickup areas to deteriorating buildings at Amador Valley High or Vintage Hills Elementary — to name just a few.

Unfortunately, in California, local bond measures are almost the only funding solution available to school districts for comprehensive facility upgrades.

Between the way California's revenue limit funding system functions, the cap that the state sets on district budget reserves and the large percentage of the general fund spent

on employee salaries, benefits and pensions (in PUSD, 81.1% last year), there really isn't a mechanism for a district like Pleasanton to just save up for one large project, let alone two, or three, or a dozen.

Not to mention the developer fees paid to local districts at levels set by the state are barely a drop in the bucket to address the facility needs that result from enrollment growth.

That's where bond measures come in, a funding source with local control and local oversight for locally identified facility projects after receiving local voter support.

If a district makes a strong case to its citizenry, that is.

Superintendent David Haglund, PUSD trustees and the Yes on M campaign have each made a good pitch during the process.

The types of projects earmarked for Measure M funding are pulled from needs in the Facilities Master Plan, such as modernizing existing science labs, upgrading the wireless network, additional capacity to accommodate enrollment growth, and new or upgraded gyms and theaters.

The Measure M list is a carefully worded catalog of project types, descriptive catch-all phrases in line with district and resident priorities.

While we would have liked to see a few marquee school site projects specifically called out in the Measure M resolution, like we saw with Measure II and other Tri-Valley bond measures (i.e. "upgrading Amador

Valley and Foothill high school gyms" instead of the actual wording, "modernize, renovate, replace, reconfigure, upgrade and/or construct gymnasiums or related facilities,") we are confident the individual school projects will reflect the letter and spirit of the board's resolution.

And we look forward to those community conversations in front of the school board after Measure M passes.

One key criticism we've seen during this bond debate is why now? Isn't it too soon since Measure II was approved by voters in November 2016? (That \$270 million bond measure was the first passed in Pleasanton since 1997.)

Now is actually the perfect time.

We concur that Measure M funding will help maintain the district's momentum in accomplishing necessary facility projects. The bond market is as strong as ever, and PUSD boasts very strong bond ratings. Plus, the passage of Measure M would also put PUSD in position to potentially secure matching dollars from the state for qualified and accepted projects.

Critics also point to a perceived slow start to Measure II projects.

We agree the early months to a year of Measure II programming after that election was less than ideal, but it was a direct function of circumstances that no longer exist.

PUSD was mired in a period of instability, so stark that just weeks after

Measure II passed, the school board fired first-year superintendent Rick Rubino after less than seven months on the job.

That jolt hampered the start of the Measure II program, but the district has recovered and key construction projects are on track to break ground soon — Lydiksen Elementary next month, Amador and Foothill science labs in the summer and the new school site adjacent to Donlon Elementary in 2021.

With Haglund at the helm, stability has returned to the superintendent's office and he has put into place a smart program for managing the Measure II bond program. And with the help of new assistant superintendent of business services Ahmad Sheikholeslami, the district is positioned for a solid plan with Measure M funding that PUSD can carry forward for years to come.

Measure M represents a defining moment for Haglund and this school board, but it's also a defining moment for voters in Pleasanton.

Students deserve quality school facilities in which to thrive, educationally and personally.

We recommend a Yes vote on Measure M on March 3. ■

Editor's note: Measure M

Regarding our cover story from last week, "Mulling over Measure M," we received an email from Pleasanton Unified School District spokesman Patrick Gannon raising concerns about the accuracy of four points in the article.

After reviewing the points of contention, we want to publish two corrections and provide further context on another.

First, one caption for a photo showing the site location of the future Amador Valley High School science building cited the wrong bond measure that will fund the project. It will be funded through Measure II funds.

Second, the article incorrectly identified the expiration timeline for two older PUSD bond measures. The property taxes related to the 1988 and 1997 bonds will begin to expire in 2022.

The Weekly regrets both errors.

To further clarify the 2019 polls by consultants ahead of the \$323 million bond measure being placed on the ballot, the surveys found 60%-65% of PUSD voters supported a proposed \$150 million bond measure and 54%-57% supported a \$393 million bond measure. (The voter threshold is 55%.) ■

LETTERS

Protect kids from vaping

Dear Editor,

Youth vaping is an epidemic across our nation. This trend represents the re-normalization of tobacco use among a new generation of users ... our children.

Today, 30% of our Pleasanton students have used e-cigarettes and almost 80% believe that vaping devices are easy to obtain (California Healthy Kids Survey). What is getting them hooked? The vast majority, 87% of teen tobacco smokers, reported using flavored products.

We cannot leave our children to fight this battle on their own. The Pleasanton Youth Commission recently proposed five actions to reduce youth vaping that includes the prohibition of sales of flavored tobacco products and e-cigarette products. It further limits future tobacco stores and retailers from

opening up shop within 1,000 feet of schools, parks and public recreation facilities.

I support all five recommendations — but unless we also have a tobacco retail license (TRL), Pleasanton lacks the ability to punish retailers who sell tobacco and vaping products to our children. All of our surrounding cities (Dublin, Livermore, Fremont) have TRLs to enforce tobacco laws. Without a TRL, vaping shops and area youth will make Pleasanton their destination stop to illegally obtain tobacco products with little risk or penalty.

I urge the City Council to protect Pleasanton children from this growing epidemic, to approve the Youth Commission's recommendations, and to enact a TRL program so we can punish violators who sell to our children.

—Amanda Brown,
MS environmental science
Mom of 3 Pleasanton kids

Swalwell/Steinle

In last week's (Editorial) article about Kate Steinle, you neglect to mention that Rep. Swalwell voted against the Steinle bill the first time it was voted on.

After public outcry, he voted for it two years later, unable to resist a typical Swalwell snarky comment: "I wish the Republicans had allowed debate on the bill." Really, Eric?

After the Steinle bill finally passed, with the second attempt, you published in your paper a sickeningly sanctimonious quote by Swalwell about how he voted for this bill, and how much he cared for the Steinle family, how sad he felt — on and on — never, of course, mentioning that he had not voted for the first bill the first time around.

—Susanna Gordon

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Falcons, Dons split varsity rivalry basketball games

Also: Amador girls soccer remain undefeated, rank third in Bay Area

In front of a packed and raucous gym that brought back memories of years gone by, the Foothill boys basketball team pulled out a 52-43 win over Amador Valley.

Attendance has certainly waned over the years, but last Friday, the stands were full at Foothill by halftime of the JV game.

The Falcons jumped out to an 11-4 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 24-15 lead at the half, which turned out to be too much to overcome.

For Amador, Isaac Owen had 18 points, most in the second half as he nearly single-handedly kept the Dons within reach.

In the end it was 18 points from Josh Valentine, as the junior guard from Foothill endured taunts from the Amador student section to lead the way. Nick High had 13 and Garret Hill had 10, including a pair of big baskets down the stretch.

Earlier in the week, the Falcons beat Livermore 76-19. Adith Swarup led the scoring for Foothill with 20 points. Aaron Miller added six in the second half and did nice work on the boards.

Foothill girls basketball

The Falcons picked up their first East Bay Athletic League win when they traveled to Livermore and came away with a 38-33 victory.

Reese Lombardi and Caelin

Cavanaugh were the leading scorers, with Kendall Harris turning in a great defensive game with four steals. Lauren Twamugabo was strong on the glass.

Then last Friday night, the Falcons traveled to Amador for the rivalry game. The two sides battled to a 19-17 halftime scored before the Dons pulled away in the second half, winning 52-32.

Lombardi led the team with 10 points and Cavanaugh added eight.

Amador girls soccer

The Amador girls soccer team prevailed at home against crosstown rival Foothill by a score of 2-0 on Jan. 14.

Noelle Marceno scored both goals, unassisted in the first half and via a Penny Murphy assist in the second. Freshman goalkeeper Elizabeth Fineberg and the Dons' defense repelled Foothill's offense for the shutout. Foothill keeper Maddie Goldberg made several saves to keep the Falcons in the game.

Two days later, the Dons took on the California Grizzlies in San Ramon and came away with a very wet 1-0 victory.

Conditions were a challenge for both teams, with no scoring in the first half. The only goal of the game came early in the second with a superb Kate Reedy score off a Maille Smith pass. The Dons'

defense secured Amador's second shutout of the week from there.

The Dons have earned a No. 3 ranking in the latest MaxPreps Bay Area rankings with an 8-0-1 record.

Foothill boys soccer

The Foothill varsity boys ran its undefeated streak to nine games with ties against crosstown rival Amador (1-1) and Monte Vista (3-3) last week.

On Jan. 14, Amador took an early 1-0 lead and an Amador defense led by Mike McMasters were able to hold off Foothill until the last five minutes. In dramatic fashion, Foothill was able to put one in the net on a header by Evan McConnaughey on a cross from Jensen McMillan.

Then on Jan. 16, the Falcons played a very physical Monte Vista team that received three yellow cards in the first half, including one to the coach. Two Foothill players were carted off with injury, with one being taken to the hospital.

Despite the overly physical play, Foothill took an early 2-0 lead on goals by Joseph Lemus and Pablo Gill. Monte Vista rallied back and took a 3-2 lead, but once again Foothill refused to lose and tied the game 3-3 on a goal by McMillan.

During the previous week, the Falcons won a pair of games,



ELLA MELVIN

Amador Valley defender Julia Gonsman battles in the rain against Cal High.

beating Dublin (3-0) and Cal (1-0).

The defense gave up only one goal in a five-game stretch, getting big play from Jake Lambro, McConnaughey, Cole Eastman, Matt Reeves and Drew Wong.

Adam Harbourne had his best game of the year in goal against Cal High with five great saves. Michael Kachkouche scored in both games one being a penalty kick, which proved to be the difference against Cal. McMillan and Max McGee also scored goals.

Foothill JV girls soccer

The Falcons had a tough go of things the week of Jan. 13, losing both games.

Foothill got down early to Amador but were able to tie it up on a goal by Ava Ricker. Early in the second half Amador would score the winning goal leading to a 2-1 final score. Then, in difficult conditions, they played a very good Monte Vista team and lost 3-0.

The previous week, the Falcons were able to pull out a 1-0 victory against Dublin in their only game of the week. After a scoreless first half, Sydney Mutzel scored early in the second half. That proved to be all the Falcons would need.

Foothill JV boys soccer

Last week, the Falcons played to a hard-fought 0-0 tie against Amador, and then fell 1-0 to Monte Vista two days later.

The previous week, the Falcons dropped a pair of matches, losing to Dublin 4-2 and Cal High 3-1. Foothill got behind early in both games but battled back to pull within in one goal before giving up late goals. Leo Koempel, Anthony Bonev and Alex Smith scored the goals for the Falcons.

Foothill wrestling

The Falcons sent six wrestlers to compete in the Albany Tournament on Saturday where they competed with wrestlers from 35 other schools.

Max Wise finished first for Foothill with Jack Madden and Cody Mocciano finishing second. Miguel Lopez was third, with Lucas Bentley and Ethan Hoffman finishing seventh.

Need help from Amador

Once again, we are lacking for results from Amador teams.

If you would like to remedy this problem, shoot me your results from the previous week at acesmag@aol.com by noon on Sundays and I will make sure they get in the paper. Thank you! ■

Nominate your favorite coach

TV30 to honor Outstanding High School Coach of the Year

"Did you have a coach this academic year that made a difference in your sports training and will also have a positive impact on you the rest of your life?"

That's the question Tri-Valley Community Television is asking student-athletes and families in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin as the community access TV network gets ready for its annual Tri-Valley Sports Final Outstanding High School Coach of the Year Award.

Nominations for top girls and boys coaches are due by March 29.

This is the sixth year in a row

that TV30 is handing out its Coach of the Year Award, which is picked by popular vote throughout the Tri-Valley. Last year's winner was Nathan Brandon, varsity boys water polo coach at Livermore High School, after students and parents nominated him for his work and inspiration over the year.

"This will be the 10th year of our Outstanding High School Athletic Awards for students," TV30 executive director Melissa Tench-Stevens said in a statement. "The coach motivates and provides guidance to the students and many times their support is so powerful it influences

the students for the rest of their lives. We look forward to recognizing this year's winning coach for his or her dedication with this award."

To nominate a favorite coach, visit tv30.org and click on the "Nominate Your Coach" banner on the webpage. Fill out the short form to complete the nomination by midnight March 29.

The winner will be announced at this year's Tri-Valley Sports Final Outstanding High School Athletic Awards ceremony taking place on April 14 at the Robert Livermore Community Center. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

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Theater

MAMMA MIA! Tri-Valley Rep is presenting the musical set to the hits of ABBA, "Mamma Mia!" at the Bankhead Theater. The show will run through Feb. 2, with Saturday performances at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. plus a Saturday matinee on Feb. 1. Call 373-6800, visit lvpac.org, or go to the box office.

WEST SIDE STORY Pacific Coast Rep is bringing "West Side Story" to the Firehouse Arts Center Jan.

25 through Feb. 9. Tickets are \$25-\$46. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

A CONVERSATION WITH PATRICK SPOTTISWOODE Patrick Spottiswoode, education director of Shakespeare's Globe (London), in conversation with LSF's own artistic director Lisa Tromovitch. Saturday, Feb. 8, 6:30-8 p.m. Tickets \$35. Includes appetizers and a complimentary glass of wine. Livermore Shakes Studio Space, 2172 Railroad Ave., Livermore.

Music

DRUM AND FLUTE (FIFE), PLEASANTON KIDS COLONIAL MARCHING BAND New members are welcome, no musical experience needed. Children ages 8 to 16 learn to play drums or fife (like a flute) in a small group setting. Music lessons are \$14 per week, 6:30-8 p.m. each Friday at Band Headquarters on Dennis Drive. YoungAmericanPatriots.com. \$14 for each 90-minute, weekly small group music lesson.

THE IMPROV CONCERT IV An improv concert in which 8 performers take turns at the piano (or other instrument) improvising on their latest musings. Fascinating entertainment, stretching one's ears and imagination. Trinity Lutheran Church, Jan. 25, 7 p.m., 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Call church office for program dates and times at 925-846-8650. Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton.

Talks & Lectures

HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS CLUB: GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS WELCOME Hacienda Park Toastmasters Club: Guests

PET OF THE WEEK



Benny ready for a home

Benny is a very handsome young adult shepherd-cattle dog mix who loves people, going for walks and getting love and attention while he tries to sit on your lap. He is very tired of living in a kennel, so he is just so happy to hang out in the yards with his volunteer friends. Benny has consistently been polite around other shelter dogs that enjoy an adjoining play yard. Benny is available for adoption at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. To learn more about Benny, call 803-7040.

TVAR

Welcome. Improve your public speaking, confidence, listening and leadership skills. Meetings are every Thursday at noon for one hour in the Dublin Library or Dublin City Hall Regional Meeting Room, 100 - 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Contact 398-3257 or 895-6796. HaciendaTM@gmail.com. \$9 per month.

4TH ANNUAL PARENTING FORUM Dare to parent differently. A conversation with Julie Lythcott-Haims for parents, teens and young adults. Feb. 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOL SETTINGS Dr. Shashank V. Joshi, a world-renowned expert in mental health and professor of psychiatry, pediatrics and education at Stanford University, will present the lecture. RSVP by Feb. 2 at alanhufoundation.org. Las Positas College, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Road, Livermore.

NATIVE WAYS CELEBRATION The City of Pleasanton's Environmental Education Division is celebrating the past, present and future of the Ohlone culture and sharing the newly completed tule home replica with a short talk on the process and completion of the home. Alviso Adobe Community Park, Feb. 8, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road, Pleasanton.

VAPING AWARENESS PRESENTATION The Livermore Public Library is hosting a presentation called "Vaping and E-Cigarettes, A Teen Epidemic: What Parents and Teens Need to Know." Feb. 19, 6:30 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

URGENT SOLUTIONS FOR A CLIMATE-SAFE CALIFORNIA Ellie Cohen, CEO of the Climate Center, will highlight the latest in climate science and policy, then present the bold initiatives required in California to address the climate crisis in a Rae Dorough Speaker Series Presentation. Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m., \$16-\$40. The Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

Fundraisers

MUSEUM ON MAIN — WINES & VALENTINES Join us for the 13th annual Wines & Valentines Dinner. This special fundraiser event features wine exquisitely paired with a delicious multi-course gourmet dinner. Enjoy a live auction, silent auction, raffle and two-bit auction. All to support the programs of Museum on Main. \$100 per person, Feb. 7, 6 p.m., Castlewood Country Club, 707 County Club Circle, Pleasanton.

Family

HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT — THE TRIWIZARD TOURNAMENT The Triwizard Tournament will be sharing the wonder of J.K. Rowling's unforgettable stories and will be treated to an evening of magical games, creative crafts, a costume contest, and lots of trivia. Feb. 6, 6-8 p.m., Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Health & Wellness

DRIVERS FOR SURVIVORS Be a volunteer companion driver, a friend, a hero. Contact them at 510-896-8056. Drivers For Survivors, 39270 Paseo Padre Parkway No. 355, Fremont.

WELLNESS & BEAUTY ZONE: BUILD A BETTER YOU POP UP Join for food bites, beverages and music while you learn about amazing services from seven of the best beauty and wellness businesses in town, specializing in everything from hair and grooming to fitness, fashion and chiropractic, all in one convenient place (with parking!) in downtown Pleasanton. Feb. 1, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Adobe Plaza, 200 Ray St., Pleasanton.

Outdoor Recreation

TRI-VALLEY FLY FISHERS Monthly meetings feature guest speakers

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee

Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.
Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Review the WLP Corridor Preferred Alternative Design Plan

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TAKE US ALONG



Mountain view: Pleasanton couple Steve Bonham and June Wong traveled to Armenia with friends who are June's former co-workers. One of the many sights visited was Khor Virap Monastery, the closest point in the country to Mount Ararat (which is now located in Turkey) in the background.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to editor@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

who share their knowledge of the sport. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month, from September through June at the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore.

Seniors

LINE DANCING The Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., has beginner's line dancing groups from 3-4:15 p.m., There is also an intermediate line dancing group. Pre-register for these classes.

DROP-IN WOODSHOP AT THE SENIOR CENTER Discover the joy of wood working, wood carving or wood turning from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Mondays at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. State-of-the-art equipment is available. A woodshop monitor is available to guide you. Cost is \$5.50 for residents and \$6.50 for non-residents.

Teens

TEEN JOB FAIR A Teen Job and Career fair will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at the San Ramon Senior Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd. Free. Participants should bring a resume and wear professional attire. Call 973-3200 or email parks@sanramon.ca.gov. San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM A three-week summer program that includes a series of interactive workshops with the City of Livermore. Those who successfully complete the Academy will receive a \$330 stipend. Contact Nathan Brumley at 373-5572 or njbrumley@cityoflivermore.net.

Business

BRN, GROUP 2 The Business Referral Network Wednesday

Group meets the first and third Wednesday of every month, from 9-10 a.m. We are always looking for professionals interested in building their business through referrals and networking. All are welcome to contact and visit a meeting. 2400 Camino Ramon, Suite 158/K, Bishop Ranch 6, San Ramon. <https://members.sanramon.org>.

PLEASANTON PROFESSIONALS NICER NETWORKING From 4-5 p.m. on Wednesdays at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 5424 Sunol Blvd., learn, connect, grow. Are you a new business owner, or did you recently start a sales position? Are you looking for a place to not only meet more people, but to learn how to connect more efficiently with your potential clients? Welcome to Nicer Networking. They are a business networking/leads group focused on growing our business through networking, referrals and partnerships. Mountain Mike's Pizza, 5424 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton. Search for event on <https://www.eventbrite.com>.

Community Groups

FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a program based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). There are no dues, fees, or weigh-ins at FA meetings. FA is a fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience and mutual support, are recovering from the disease of food addiction. If you are suffering, join at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at 3311 Pacific Ave., in Livermore. The program is free. Visit foodaddicts.org for more information.

TRI-VALLEY PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP Those with Parkinson's or a variant diagnosis, plus their care partners, meet from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the second

Saturday of every month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Join to hear speakers on a variety of related topics and to share challenges, solutions, and triumphs. There is no cost.

GRIEF WORKSHOPS The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Join on your healing journey at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 23, Feb. 13 and 27 and March 12 and 26. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Call Eleanor at 846-8708.

Volunteers

LITERACY/ESL VOLUNTEER TUTOR TRAINING Pleasanton Library's Literacy Program needs volunteer tutors to help adults improve their English skills. Training event on Saturday, Jan. 25, 1-4 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Volunteers should be at least 18 years old, fluent in American English and familiar with American culture. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd, Pleasanton.

Government Meetings

PUSD BOARD MEETINGS The PUSD will meet. at 7 p.m. on Jan. 28 at 4665 Bernal Ave. in the Pleasanton Unified School District Board Meeting Office, The regular meetings of the Board are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING The City Council holds regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m., in the Council Chamber at 200 Old Bernal Ave. Council meetings are open to the public, and comments are always welcome. Contact the City Council at 931-5001 or citycouncil@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Paws of Pleasanton Animal Hospital
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 566346
The following person doing business as: Paws of Pleasanton Animal Hospital, 6408 Inglewood Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Paws of Pleasanton, a Veterinary Corporation, 6408 Inglewood Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Paws of Pleasanton, a Veterinary Corporation, a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Registrant: Melissa Hardy, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 10, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020).

JayNzyme
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 566712
The following person doing business as: JayNzyme, 4806 Braxton Place, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Jayarama Shetty, 4806 Braxton Place, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Jayarama Shetty, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein December 20, 2019. Signature of Registrant: Jayarama Shetty, Sole Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 20, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020).

BP Automotive Services
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 566952
The following person doing business as: BP Automotive Services, 1809 Santa Rita Road, Suite H, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Beetle Power Automotive Services LLC, 1809 Santa Rita Road, Suite H, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Beetle Power Automotive Services LLC, a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: William Bruce Macfarland, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 30, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2020).

Beetle Power Automotive Services
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Hand In Hand Marketing
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 567152
The following person doing business as: Hand In Hand Marketing, 3589 Timco Ct., Castro Valley, CA 94552, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Jacky Yao, 2671 Durango Lane, San Ramon, CA 94583. This business is conducted by Jacky Yao, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 22, 2015. Signature of Registrant: Jacky Yao, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 6, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 10, 17, 24, 31).

Global Jaya
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 567218
The following person doing business as: Global Jaya, 6933 Stagecoach Road, Unit D, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rita Soekamto, 6933 Stagecoach Road, Unit D, Dublin, CA 94568; Randy Cortez, 6933 Stagecoach Road, Unit D, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Rita Soekamto; Randy Cortez, a Married Couple. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Rita Soekamto, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 6, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2020).

Glamour Nail Spa
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 567492
The following person doing business as: Glamour Nail Spa, 4288 Dublin Blvd., #202, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Din Si Voong, 3321 Over Street, Oakland, CA 94619. This business is conducted by Din Si Voong, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Din Si Voong, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 14, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2020.)

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: HG20050735 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Chiung Chuann Wang; Chiung Chuann Chen Wang; Chiung C. Chen Wang filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Chiung Chuann Wang; Chiung Chuann Chen Wang; Chiung C. Chen Wang to Chiung Wang. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: March 13, 2020, 11:00 a.m., Dept.: 17 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2020. Judge Desautels, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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Melissa Pederson 858.1984

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Emily Barraclough 895.7253

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Julia Murtagh 997.2411

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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Dec. 5-20)

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$473,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,850,000
Average sales reported: \$1,021,000

Dublin (Dec. 5-20)

Total sales reported: 15
Lowest sale reported: \$435,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,435,000
Average sales reported: \$850,000

Livermore (Dec. 5-20)

Total sales reported: 29
Lowest sale reported: \$390,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,650,000
Average sales reported: \$760,000

San Ramon (Dec. 5-20)

Total sales reported: 18
Lowest sale reported: \$410,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,990,000
Average sales reported: \$1,010,000

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 5-20.

Pleasanton

2197 Arroyo Court #4 P. & Q. Nguyen to J. Quen for \$473,000
4071 Blacow Street B. Baldwin to S. & M. Patel for \$1,032,000
3175 Caramello Court S. Krishnan to J. Tiefenthaler for \$755,000
902 Clinton Place Danesh Trust to X. & M. Li for \$905,000
5504 Corte Sierra Breckenridge Prop Fund 2016 LI to S. & P. Chandran for \$1,300,000
1537 Courtney Avenue Hayes Trust to C. & W. Butler for \$1,070,000
7851 Creekside Drive J. & J. Bonacci to S. & T. Behera for \$717,000
788 Donata Court Simpson Family Trust to K. & D. Kumar for \$2,850,000
5266 Forest Hill Drive Cromar Family Trust to G. & N. Kumar for \$1,235,000
6567 Inglewood Drive F. Amaral to S. & S. Lawson for \$1,000,000
999 Kolln Street P. & B. Ortiz to J. & T. Buteau for \$1,010,000
1010 Lamb Court V. Kumar to A. & S. Sivanesan for \$980,000
7899 Medinah Court Triantos Family Trust to C. & P. Vanbrunt for \$1,285,000
8035 Mountain View Drive #C Scholz Living Trust to L. Johnson for \$552,500
2131 Rheem Drive J. Furukawa to S. & S. Subramanian for \$835,000
708 Saint John Circle C. Zhao to D. & S. Choksey for \$1,395,000
6826 Via Quito C. & J. Heaton to C. & J. Luna for \$1,042,000

2756 Willowren Way A. & B. Carrozzi to K. & V. Shah for \$1,320,000

4850 Woodthrush Road J. & J. Harrington to Cold Family Trust for \$1,485,000
4426 Yuma Court T. Buteau to M. & P. Chua for \$630,000

Dublin

3267 Central Parkway Dubey Trust to G. & B. Burns for \$936,000
4033 Chadwick Place Jones Trust to L. & R. Gunda for \$875,000
4281 Clarinbridge Circle A. Esmelzadah to D. & C. Deguzman for \$655,000
4073 Coquille Place T. Wu to S. & S. Fatima for \$1,045,000
7089 Dublin Meadows Street #E S. Beliso to N. Glynn for \$435,000
7063 Dublin Meadows Street #A L. Muller to J. & Q. Lune for \$629,000
4362 Jordan Ranch Drive Y. Yang to S. & S. Chillarge for \$1,404,000
7624 Kilrush Avenue Nikischer Trust to M. & N. Gregorin for \$755,000
8164 Locust Place J. Lam to J. & C. Reimers for \$805,000
3306 Monaghan Street M. Ramaiah to H. & H. Shim for \$675,000
5806 Newfields Lane S. & R. Veeragandham to A. & D. Agarwal for \$1,435,000
7994 Serena Court D. Bypass to J. & E. Estrada for \$765,000
6932 Stags Leap Lane E. Beato to S. & S. Sawkar for \$850,000
2807 Stringham Way V. Lu to A. & P. Lakhnarpal for \$897,000
6982 York Drive P & D Trust to A. Gonzalez for \$865,000

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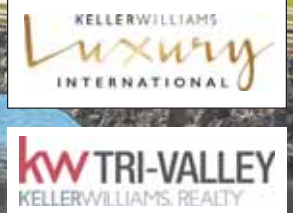
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